

BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel

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SUBJECT: Water Tender Response Guidelines

Effective immediately, the following guidelines shall be utilized regarding dispatching and deployment of any San Diego Fire-Rescue (SDFD) water tender. SDFD water tenders will not be dispatched out-of-county. SDFD water tenders shall be dispatched and staffed in the following manners:

1. Initial Attack (In-Zone) within the Metro Zone
  - a. Certified and licensed firefighter or firefighter P/M will respond unaccompanied in order to expedite the response.
2. Immediate Need (Out-of-Zone) outside of the Metro Zone
  - a. Certified and licensed firefighter or firefighter P/M will respond with a captain. Preferably, the captain will be certified and licensed; however, it is not a requirement.
3. Planned Need (Out-of-Zone) outside of the Metro Zone
  - a. Certified and licensed firefighter or firefighter P/M will respond with a captain. Preferably, the captain will be certified and licensed; however, it is not a requirement.

In the event that an Initial Attack response is anticipated or extends past the first operational period or 12 hours, a captain will be added to the staffing of the water tender.

These response guidelines shall be incorporated into the Operations Manual.

Questions regarding this policy should be routed through the chain of command.